## BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

INNOVATIVE COMPOUNDING, INC., dba INNOVATIVE COMPOUNDING PHARMACY MASOUD RASHIDI, President/Pharmacist-in-Charge/Owner ANNA RASHIDI, Vice President/Owner 820 Wales Drive, Suite 3 Folsom, CA 95630

Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 48417 Sterile Compounding License No. LSC 99600

MASOUD RASHIDI P.O. Box 1773 Folsom, CA 95763

Pharmacist License No. RPH 56324,

and

ANNA RASHIDI P.O. Box 1773 Folsom, CA 95763

Pharmacist License No. RPH 56323

Case No. 5663

OAH No. 2017020577

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT MASOUD RASHIDI ONLY

Respondents.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy,

Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2017.

It is so ORDERED on July 11, 2017.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

Amy Gutierrez, Pharm.D. Board President

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the aboveentitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Malissa N. Siemantel, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Respondent Masoud Rashidi ("Respondent Masoud Rashidi") is represented in this proceeding by attorney Ivan Petrzelka, whose address is: 2855 Michelle Drive, Suite 180, Irvine, CA 92606-1027.
- 3. On or about February 7, 2007, the Board issued Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48417 to Respondent Innovative Compounding, Inc., doing business as Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, ("Respondent Innovative Compounding") with Masoud Rashidi ("Respondent Masoud Rashidi") as president and pharmacist-in-charge ("PIC") and Anna Rashidi ("Respondent Anna Rashidi") as vice president. The pharmacy permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 1, 2018, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about April 30, 2010, the Board issued Sterile Compounding License Number LSC 99600 to Respondent Innovative Compounding. The sterile compounding license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 1, 2018, unless renewed.
- 5. On or about September 24, 2004, the Board issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 56324 to Respondent Masoud Rashidi. The pharmacist license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on September 30, 2018, unless renewed.
- 6. On or about September 24, 2004, the Board issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 56323 to Respondent Anna Rashidi. The pharmacist license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2018, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 7. Accusation No. 5663 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondents. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on August 30, 2016. Respondents timely filed their Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 8. A copy of Accusation No. 5663 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 9. Respondent Masoud Rashidi has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5663. Respondent Masoud Rashidi has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 10. Respondent Masoud Rashidi is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 11. Respondent Masoud Rashidi voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 12. Respondent Masoud Rashidi understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5663, if proven at hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Pharmacist License.
- 13. For the purpose of resolving Accusation No. 5663 without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent Masoud Rashidi agrees that, at hearing,

Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges against him in Accusation No. 5663, and that Respondent Masoud Rashidi hereby gives up his right to contest those charges.

- 14. Respondent Masoud Rashidi agrees that in any future disciplinary proceeding before the Board the allegations set forth in Accusation No. 5663 shall be deemed admitted.
- 15. Respondent Masoud Rashidi agrees that his Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

## **CONTINGENCY**

- 16. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent Masoud Rashidi understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent Masoud Rashidi or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent Masoud Rashidi understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 17. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 18. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

19. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

## **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 56324 issued to Respondent Masoud Rashidi is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent Masoud Rashidi is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

# 1. Obey All Laws

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall report any of the following occurrences to the Board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the
   Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled
   substances laws
- a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime
- discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
  which involves Respondent Masoud Rashidi's pharmacist license or which is related
  to the practice of pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing,
  billing, or charging for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

# 2. Report to the Board

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall report to the Board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board.

#### 3. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the Board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to Board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the Board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

# 4. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall cooperate with the Board's inspection program and with the Board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent Masoud Rashidi's compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

# 5. Continuing Education

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the Board or its designee.

#### 6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 5663 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent Masoud Rashidi by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent Masoud Rashidi undertaking any new employment, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall cause his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during Respondent Masoud Rashidi's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 5663, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent Masoud

Rashidi's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the Board.

If Respondent Masoud Rashidi works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent Masoud Rashidi must notify his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the Board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 5663 in advance of Respondent Masoud Rashidi commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the Board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent Masoud Rashidi undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall cause his direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that they have read the decision in case number 5663 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent Masoud Rashidi's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the Board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause that/those employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgments to the Board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the Respondent Masoud Rashidi is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

# 7. No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Serving as Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant

During the period of probation, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the Board, other than Innovative Compounding, Inc., doing business as Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. The

Board may, in case of an employment change by Respondent Masoud Rashidi or for other reasons as deemed appropriate by the Board or its designee, preclude the Respondent Masoud Rashidi from acting as a pharmacist-in-charge. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 8. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$12,000. Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall be jointly and severally liable with Respondent Innovative Compounding and Respondent Anna Rashidi for payment of those costs. Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall be permitted to make payments on a plan approved by the Board or its designee, with payments to be completed no later than six (6) months prior to the end of the probation term. There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall not relieve Respondent Masoud Rashidi of his responsibility to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

# 9. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 10. Status of License

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent Masoud Rashidi's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to

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tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent Masoud Rashidi's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

#### 11. License Surrender While on Probation

Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent Masoud Rashidi cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent Masoud Rashidi may tender his license to the Board for surrender. The Board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent Masoud Rashidi will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the Respondent Masoud Rashidi's license history with the Board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall relinquish his pocket and wall license to the Board within ten (10) days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent Masoud Rashidi may not reapply for any license from the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board, including any outstanding costs.

# 12. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or Employment

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known.

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address, mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the Board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

## 13. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of forty (40) hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, Respondent Masoud Rashidi must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should Respondent Masoud Rashidi, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of forty (40) hours per calendar month in California, Respondent Masoud Rashidi must notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and must further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for Respondent Masoud Rashidi's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent Masoud Rashidi is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least forty (40) hours, as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent Masoud Rashidi is practicing as a pharmacist for at least forty (40) hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

#### 14. Violation of Probation

If Respondent Masoud Rashidi has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent Masoud Rashidi, and probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the Board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed.

If Respondent Masoud Rashidi violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent Masoud Rashidi notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against Respondent Masoud Rashidi during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

## 15. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the Board or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, Respondent Masoud Rashidi's license will be fully restored.

#### 16. Restricted Practice

Respondent Masoud Rashidi's practice of pharmacy shall be restricted to prohibit compounding until six (6) hours of remedial education in compounding has been completed. The remedial education in compounding may be completed between March 24, 2017, and the effective date of this decision. Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board of compliance with this term of probation.

Failure to abide by this restriction or to timely submit proof to the Board of compliance therewith shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 17. Remedial Education

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, an appropriate program of remedial education related to compounding. The program of remedial education shall consist of at least six (6) hours, which shall be completed each year at Respondent Masoud Rashidi's own expense. At least fifty percent of remedial education shall be "in-person" training. All remedial education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward, continuing education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes. The six (6) hours of remedial education in compounding required under condition number 16 "Restricted Practice", above, shall satisfy the remedial education

requirement for the first year of probation. The remedial education in compounding may be completed between March 24, 2017, and the effective date of this decision.

Failure to timely submit or complete the approved remedial education shall be considered a violation of probation. The period of probation will be automatically extended until such remedial education is successfully completed and written proof, in a form acceptable to the Board, is provided to the Board or its designee.

Following the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may require the Respondent Masoud Rashidi, at his own expense, to take an approved examination to test the Respondent Masoud Rashidi's knowledge of the course. If Respondent Masoud Rashidi does not achieve a passing score on the examination, this failure shall be considered a violation of probation. Any such examination failure shall require Respondent Masoud Rashidi to take another course approved by the Board in the same subject area.

## 18. No New Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall not acquire any new ownership, legal or beneficial interest nor serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any additional business, firm, partnership, or corporation licensed by the Board. If Respondent Masoud Rashidi currently owns or has any legal or beneficial interest in, or serves as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the Board, Respondent Masoud Rashidi may continue to serve in such capacity or hold that interest, but only to the extent of that position or interest as of the effective date of this decision. Violation of this restriction shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 19. Ethics Course

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall enroll in a course in ethics, at Respondent Masoud Rashidi's expense, approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Failure to initiate the course during the first year of probation, and complete it within the second year of probation, is a violation of probation.

Respondent Masoud Rashidi shall submit a certificate of completion to the Board or its

1	designee within five days after completing the course.
2	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>
3	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
4	discussed it with my attorney, Ivan Petrzelka. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will
5	have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order
6	voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the
7	Board of Pharmacy.
8 9 10	DATED: 5/24/17 MASOUD RASHIDI Respondent
11	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Masoud Rashidi the terms and conditions
12	and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve
13	its form and content.
14	DATED: May 26, 2611
15	IVAN PETRZELKA Attorney for Respondent Masoud Rashidi
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17	ENDORSEMENT
18	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
19	submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy.
20	Dated: Respectfully submitted,
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 5663

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# **PARTIES**

- 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs.
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- 5. On or about September 24, 2004, the Board issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 56323 to Respondent Anna Rashidi. The pharmacist license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2016, unless renewed.

# JURISDICTION/STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

6. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.

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1	7. Code section 4300 states, in pertinent part:
2	(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
3	(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods:
.5	(1) Suspending judgment.
6 7	(2) Placing him or her upon probation.
7.8	(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.
	(4) Revoking his or her license.
9	(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its discretion may deem proper
11	8. Code section 4300.1 states:
12 13 14	The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.
16	9. Code section 4301 states, in pertinent part:
17 18	The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:
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20 21 22	(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency
23	10. Code section 4306.5 states, in pertinent part:
21 22 23 24 25 26	Unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist may include any of the following:
26 27 28	(a) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the inappropriate exercise of his or her education, training, or experience as a pharmacist, whether or not the act or omission arises in the course of the practice of pharmacy or the ownership, management, administration, or operation of a pharmacy or other entity licensed by the board

# 11. Section 4307(a) of the Code states

Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee as follows:

- (1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.
- (2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.
- 12. Code section 4113, subdivision (c), states that "[t]he pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."
  - 13. Code section 4022 states, in pertinent part:

"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

- (a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.
- (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
- 14. Code section 4025 states:

"Drug" means any of the following:

- (a) Articles recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement of any of them.
- (b) Articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in human beings or other animals.
- (c) Articles (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of human beings or other animals.

· "1'	(d) Articles intended for use as a component of any article specified in subdivision (a), (b), or (c).
2	15. Code section 4342, subdivision (a), states:
3 4 5	The board may institute any action or actions as may be provided by law and that, in its discretion, are necessary, to prevent the sale of pharmaceutical preparations and drugs that do not conform to the standard and tests as to quality and strength, provided in the latest edition of the United States Pharmacopoeia or the National Formulary, or that violate any provision of the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law (Part 5 (commencing with Section 109875) of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code).
7	16. Health and Safety Code section 110290 states:
7 8 9 10	In determining whether the labeling or advertisement of a food, drug, device, or cosmetic is misleading, all representations made or suggested by statement, word, design, device, sound, or any combination of these, shall be taken into account. The extent that the labeling or advertising fails to reveal facts concerning the food, drug, device, or cosmetic or consequences of customary use of the food, drug, device, or cosmetic shall also be considered.
12	17. Health and Safety Code section 111330 states that "[a]ny drug or device is
13	misbranded if its labeling is false or misleading in any particular".
14	18. Health and Safety Code section 111400 states:
15 16	Any drug or device is misbranded if it is dangerous to health when used in the dosage, or with the frequency or duration prescribed, recommended, or suggested in its labeling.
17	19. Health and Safety Code section 111440 states:
18 19	It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, hold, or offer for sale any drug or device that is misbranded.
20	20. Health and Safety Code section 111450 states:
21 22	It is unlawful for any person to receive in commerce any drug or device that is misbranded or to deliver or proffer for delivery any drug or device.
23	21. Health and Safety Code section 111550 provides, in pertinent part:
24 25	No person shall sell, deliver, or give away any new drug or new device unless it satisfies either of the following:
	(a) It is one of the following:
26 27 28	(1) A new drug, and a new drug application has been approved for it and that approval has not been withdrawn, terminated, or suspended under Section 505 of the federal act (21 U.S.C. Sec. 355).
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testosterone is indicated for the treatment of low testosterone. Depo-testosterone is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022 in that it requires a prescription under federal law.

- 31. "Caverject", a brand of alprostadil, is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022 in that it requires a prescription under federal law. Caverject is indicated for the treatment of erectile dysfunction.
- 32. "Papaverine" is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022 in that it requires a prescription under federal law. Papaverine is indicated for the treatment of erectile dysfunction.
- 33. "Phentolamine" is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022 in that it requires a prescription under federal law. Papaverine is indicated for the treatment of erectile dysfunction.

## FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

# (Compounding and Dispensing of Unapproved Drug Domperidone)

34. On or about June 7, 2004, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") issued a Talk Paper titled, "FDA Warns Against Women Using Unapproved Drug, Domperidone, to Increase Milk Production", warning breastfeeding women not to use the product because of safety concerns. The FDA stated that although domperidone was approved in several countries outside the U.S. to treat certain gastric disorders, it is not approved in any country, including the U.S., for enhancing breast milk production in lactating women and is also not approved in the U.S. for any indication. The FDA stated that there had been several published reports and case studies of cardiac arrhythmias, cardiac arrest, and sudden death in patients receiving an IV form of domperidone that had been withdrawn from marketing in a number of countries. Further, in several countries where the oral form of domperidone continued to be marketed, labels for the product contained specific warnings against use of domperidone by breastfeeding women. The Talk Paper indicated that the FDA had issued six letters to pharmacies that compound products containing domperidone and firms that supply domperidone for use in compounding, stating that all drug products containing domperidone (whether compounded or not) violated the Federal

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Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act ("the Act") because they are unapproved new drugs and misbranded.

- 35. On or about June 7, 2004, the FDA issued a warning letter to Spectrum Chemicals & Laboratory Products. The FDA stated that their inspection of the firm revealed they were repacking and distributing bulk API (active pharmaceutical ingredients) domperidone for use in pharmacy compounding in violation of the Act. The FDA also stated that the drug's labeling did not contain adequate directions for use and that domperidone was not an active ingredient contained in any FDA-approved drug product.
- 36. On or about April 9, 2010, the FDA issued a warning letter to Alexandria Medical Arts Pharmacy & Compounding Laboratory. The FDA found during their inspection of the firm that they had compounded domperidone products for human patients on numerous occasions. The FDA stated that the domperidone products compounded by the firm were new drugs as defined by section 201(p) [21 U.S.C. section 321(p)] of the Act and may not be introduced or delivered into interstate commerce under section 505(a) of the Act [21 U.S.C. section 355(a)] because no approval of an application filed pursuant to section 505 of the Act [21 U.S.C. section 335] is in effect for the products.
- 37. On or about March 12, 2012, the FDA issued Import Alert 61-07, stating that domperidone was being imported as a bulk API for pharmacy compounding and that importation of the drug presented a public health risk and violated the Act.
- 38. On or about April 13, 2015, Board Inspectors M. and I. assisted FDA Consumer Safety Officers with an investigation of Innovative Compounding Pharmacy. An investigator of the California Department of Public Health was also present during the inspection. Respondent Masoud Rashidi, the pharmacist-in-charge ("PIC Rashidi"), assisted the investigation team.
- 39. During the tour of the compounding lab, Inspector M. inspected the finished compounded products and found two expired compounded topical hormone replacement therapy products, Bi-Est 50/50 E3/E2 0.75 mg/0.5 ml and Bi-Est 80/20 0.5 mg/ml, on the inventory shelves. Later, the FDA officers found various expired injectable compounds, including MIC +

 B12 Methylcobalamin injectable solution, Methylcobalamin 20 mg/ml injectable solution, and Cyanocobalamin 1000 mcg/ml, near the pharmacy autoclave.

- A0. PIC Rashidi was asked if the pharmacy had any domperidone powder in stock. PIC Rashidi checked the pharmacy cabinets and found a 500 gram stock bottle of domperidone bulk powder. Inspector I. told PIC Rashidi that she wanted to review the stock compounded capsules. PIC Rashidi opened the cabinets underneath the autoclave counter. Inspector I. inspected the cabinets and found domperidone capsules in varying strengths. Inspectors M. and I. obtained copies of the pharmacy's compounding log and prescriptions filled report and found that domperidone capsules were compounded multiple times within the previous year.
- 41. On or about April 28, 2015, Inspector M. conducted a follow-up inspection at the pharmacy and obtain copies of additional documents, including original domperidone prescriptions, compounding logs, dispensing records, and logged formula worksheets.
- 42. Inspector M. determined, based on the above documents, that on and between September 13, 2014 and April 13, 2015, the pharmacy had compounded 22 batches and 12,418 capsules of various strengths of domperidone. 20 batches and 10,618 capsules had been compounded by PIC Rashidi; 2 batches and 1,800 capsules had been compounded by Respondent Anna Rashidi. The pharmacy had also dispensed approximately 146 prescriptions and 14,141 capsules to patients which were compounded from domperidone. PIC Rashidi had dispensed approximately 143 of the prescriptions and approximately 13,711 of the capsules; Respondent Anna Rashidi had dispensed approximately 3 of the prescriptions and approximately 430 of the capsules.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violations of the Pharmacy Law and Federal and State Laws and Regulations Governing Pharmacy)

43. Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacy permit is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate provisions or terms of the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code

§ 4300, et seq.), and federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, as follows:

- a. On and between September 13, 2014 and April 13, 2015, Respondent introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce the new drug, domperidone, by compounding and dispensing the drug to patients, as set forth in paragraph 42 above, when, in fact, there was no IND for domperidone approved by the FDA, in violation of 21 U.S.C. section 355, subdivision (a).
- b. On and between September 13, 2014 and April 13, 2015, Respondent sold, delivered, or gave away the new drug dromperidone by dispensing the drug to patients, as set forth in paragraph 42 above, when, in fact, there was no IND for domperidone approved by the FDA, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 111550.
- c. On or about April 13, 2015, Respondent had its active dispensing inventory compounded drug products that were expired, as set forth in paragraph 39 above, in violation of Code section 4342.
- d. Respondent failed to list on the logged formula worksheets for Lot Nos. 04082015@31 (domperidone 20 mg capsules), 03132015@26 (domperidone 10 mg capsules), 03192015@5 (domperidone 10 mg/ml suspension), 03262015@17 (domperidone 40 mg capsules), and 12222014@20 (domperidone 20 mg capsules) the manufacturer of each drug component, in violation of Regulation 1735.3, subdivision (a)(6).

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Sold Misbranded Drugs)

A4. Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacy permit is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (j), for violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, in that Respondent sold misbranded drugs, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 111400 and United States Code, title 21, section 352(f), in violation of Health and Safety Code section 111440, as set forth in paragraphs 34 through 38 and 40 through 42, above.

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# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Delivered of Proffered for Delivery Misbranded Drugs)

45. Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacy permit is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 4301, subdivision (j), for unprofessional conduct, for violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, in that Respondent delivered or proffered for delivery misbranded drugs, as defined by Heath and Safety Code section 111400, in violation of Health and safety Code section 111450, as set forth in paragraphs 34 through 38 and 40 through 42, above.

## FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violations of the Pharmacy Law and Federal and State Laws and Regulations Governing Pharmacy)

46. Respondent Innovative Compounding's sterile compounding license is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate provisions or terms of the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code § 4300, et seq.), and federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, as follows: On or about April 13, 2015, Respondent had in its active dispensing inventory compounded drug products that were expired, as set forth in paragraph 39 above, in violation of Code section 4342.

# FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violations of the Pharmacy Law and Federal and State Laws and Regulations Governing Pharmacy)

- 47. Respondent Masoud Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate provisions or terms of the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code § 4300, et seq.), and federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, as follows:
- a. On and between September 13, 2014 and April 13, 2015, Respondent introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce the new drug, domperidone, by compounding

and dispensing the drug to patients, as set forth in paragraph 42 above, when, in fact, there was no IND for domperidone approved by the FDA, in violation of 21 U.S.C. section 355, subdivision (a).

- b. On and between September 13, 2014 and April 13, 2015, Respondent sold, delivered, or gave away the new drug dromperidone by dispensing the drug to patients, as set forth in paragraph 42 above, when, in fact, there was no IND for domperidone approved by the FDA, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 111550.
- c. On or about April 13, 2015, Respondent, as pharmacist-in-charge of Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, had in the pharmacy's active dispensing inventory compounded drug products that were expired, as set forth in paragraph 39 above, in violation of Code section 4342.
- d. Respondent, as pharmacist-in-charge of Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, failed to list on the logged formula worksheets for Lot Nos. 04082015@31 (domperidone 20 mg capsules), 03132015@26 (domperidone 10 mg capsules), 03192015@5 (domperidone 10 mg/ml suspension), 03262015@17 (domperidone 40 mg capsules), and 12222014@20 (domperidone 20 mg capsules) the manufacturer of each drug component, in violation of Regulation 1735.3, subdivision (a)(6).

#### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Sold Misbranded Drugs)

Respondent Masoud Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (j), for violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, in that Respondent, as pharmacist-in-charge of Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, sold misbranded drugs, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 111400 and United States Code, title 21, section 352(f), in violation of Health and Safety Code section 111440, as set forth in paragraphs 34 through 38 and 40 through 42, above.

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(Delivered of Proffered for Delivery Misbranded Drugs)

49. Respondent Masoud Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 4301, subdivision (j), for unprofessional conduct, for violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, in that Respondent, as pharmacist-incharge of Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, delivered or proffered for delivery misbranded drugs, as defined by Heath and Safety Code section 111400, in violation of Health and safety Code section 111450, as set forth in paragraphs 34 through 38 and 40 through 42, above.

# EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Pharmacy Law and

# Federal and State Laws Governing Pharmacy)

- 50. Respondent Anna Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate provisions or terms of the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code § 4300, et seq.), and federal and state laws governing pharmacy, as follows:
- a. On and between September 13, 2014 and April 13, 2015, Respondent introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce the new drug domperidone by compounding and dispensing the drug to patients, as set forth in paragraph 42 above, when, in fact, there was no IND for domperidone approved by the FDA, in violation of 21 U.S.C. section 355, subdivision (a).
- b. On and between September 13, 2014 and April 13, 2015, Respondent sold, delivered, or gave away the new drug dromperidone by dispensing the drug to patients, as set forth in paragraph 42 above, when, in fact, there was no IND for domperidone approved by the FDA, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 111550.

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## NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Sold Misbranded Drugs)

Respondent Anna Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (j), for violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, in that Respondent sold misbranded drugs, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 111400 and United States Code, title 21, section 352(f), in violation of Health and Safety Code section 111440, as set forth in paragraphs 34 through 38 and 40 through 42, above.

## TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Delivered of Proffered for Delivery Misbranded Drugs)

52. Respondent Anna Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 4301, subdivision (j), for unprofessional conduct, for violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, in that Respondent delivered or proffered for delivery misbranded drugs, as defined by Heath and Safety Code section 111400, in violation of Health and safety Code section 111450, as set forth in paragraphs 34 through 38 and 40 through 42, above.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

# (Violations of the Pharmacy Law Pertaining to Sterile Injectable Compounding)

- Administration ("FDA") inspected Innovative Compounding Pharmacy. On or about April 17, 2015, the FDA issued a Form 483 Inspection Report to the pharmacy listing a number of observations made by FDA representatives during the inspection. The FDA found that "[e]ach batch of drug product purporting to be sterile is not laboratory tested to determine conformance to such requirements", and that sterility and endotoxin testing is not consistently performed on compounded sterile products, including testosterone cypionate 200 mg/ml injectable solution and bi-mix papaverine/phentolamine 30 mg/2 mg/ml injectable solution.
- 54. On or about June 11, 2015, a Board Inspector contacted the pharmacy and spoke with Respondent Masoud Rashidi ("PIC Rashidi"). The inspector requested the pharmacy's

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compounding logs along with testing information from December 1, 2014 to June 11, 2015. On or about July 3, 2015, the Board received compounding logs together with testing results from PIC Rashidi.

55. The inspector found based on the above records that the pharmacy dispensed batchproduced compounds without completing the appropriate sterility and endotoxin tests and that
compounds made without the appropriate tests were used to compound individual patient-specific
compounds. The inspector also found that the pharmacy used components in multiple
formulations which were past the indicated beyond use date (expiration date), and would label the
compounds with a beyond use date greater than the shortest beyond use date of some of the
components used.

# ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Pharmacy Law and State Laws and Regulations Governing Pharmacy)

- 56. Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacy permit and sterile compounding license are subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate provisions or terms of the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code § 4300, et seq.) and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, as follows:
- a. On and between December 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015, Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacist-in-charge, Respondent Masoud Rashidi, failed to test batch-produced sterile injectable drug products for sterility and pyrogens, specifically, papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/ml (on three occasions between December 2, 2014 and June 1, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/2 mg/ml (on six occasions between December 10, 2014 and May 14, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/ml (on three occasions between December 30, 2014 and May 21, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/30 mcg/ml (on December 1, 2014), and testosterone cypionate injectable solution 200 mg/ml (on seven

occasions between March 30, 2015 and June 1, 2015), in violation of Regulation 1751.7, subdivision (c).

- b. On and between December 5, 2014 and June 8, 2015, Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacist-in-charge, Respondent Masoud Rashidi, used compounds which were made without appropriate sterility and endotoxin tests to compound individual patient-specific compounds, in violation of Regulation 1751.7, subdivision (c), specifically:
- 1. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/10 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #12302014@23, on 11 occasions between January 2, 2015 and February 9, 2015; the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #05212015@4, on seven occasions between May 18, 2015 and June 5, 2015, and the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #05072015@9, on three occasions between May 5, 2015 and May 11, 2015;
- 2. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/10 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #12022014@8, on December 5, 2014 and December 12, 2014; the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #05182015@4, on May 15, 18, and 19, 2015; and the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #06012015@26, on June 5 and 8, 2015; and
- 3. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/20 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #12022014@8, on December 5 and 12, 2014.
- c. On and between December 1, 2014 and June 11, 2015, Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacist-in-charge, Respondent Masoud Rashidi, and pharmacist Anna Rashidi, documented beyond use dates on finished compounds that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components in the compounded drug product; i.e., wrongfully extended beyond use dates that were recorded for the following compounds, in violation of Regulation 1735.2, subdivision (h):
- 1. Respondent Masoud Rashidi recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/ml, compounded on December

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2, 2014, January 12, 2015, and February 12, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient edetate disodium aliquot 1 mg/ml.

- 2. Respondent Masoud Rashidi recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/ml, compounded on January 20, 2015 (two different lots), April 28, 2015, and June 9, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredients edetate disodium aliquot 1 mg/ml and benzyl alcohol NF.
- 3. Respondent Masoud Rashidi recorded a beyond use date for papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/7 mg/ml, compounded on March 27, 2105, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient edetate disodium aliquot 1 mg/ml.
- 4. Respondent Masoud Rashidi recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/10 mcg/ml, compounded on 29 occasions between December 4, 2014 and June 2, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml.
- 5. Respondent Anna Rashidi recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/10 mcg/ml, compounded on May 11, 2015, May 26, 2105, June 5, 2015, and June 10, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml.
- 6. Respondent Masoud Rashidi recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/10 mcg/ml, compounded on 24 occasions between December 5, 2014 and June 8, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml.
  - 7. Respondent Masoud Rashidi recorded beyond use dates for

papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/20 mcg/ml, compounded on eight occasions between December 1, 2014 and May 14, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml.

d. On and between December 1, 2014 and June 11, 2015, Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacist-in-charge, Respondent Masoud Rashidi, and pharmacist Anna Rashidi, documented beyond use dates on finished compounds that exceeded the shortest beyond use dates of the components in the compounded drug product, as set forth in subparagraph (c) above. As such, the beyond use dates on the finished compounds were false or misleading and the finished compounds were misbranded.

## TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violations of the Pharmacy Law and State Laws and Regulations Governing Pharmacy)

- 57. Respondent Masoud Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate provisions or terms of the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code § 4300, et seq.) and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, as follows:
- a. On and between December 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015, Respondent failed to test batch-produced sterile injectable drug products for sterility and pyrogens, specifically, papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/ml (on three occasions between December 2, 2014 and June 1, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/2 mg/ml (on six occasions between December 10, 2014 and May 14, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/ml (on three occasions between December 30, 2014 and May 21, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/30 mcg/ml (on December 1, 2014), and testosterone cypionate injectable solution 200 mg/ml (on seven occasions between March 30, 2015 and June 1, 2015), in violation of Regulation 1751.7, subdivision (c).

- b. On and between December 5, 2014 and June 8, 2015, Respondent used compounds which were made without appropriate sterility and endotoxin tests to compound individual patient-specific compounds, in violation of Regulation 1751.7, subdivision (c), specifically:
- 1. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/10 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #12302014@23, on 11 occasions between January 2, 2015 and February 9, 2015; the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #05212015@4, on seven occasions between May 18, 2015 and June 5, 2015, and the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #05072015@9, on three occasions between May 5, 2015 and May 11, 2015;
- 2. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/10 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #12022014@8, on December 5, 2014 and December 12, 2014; the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #05182015@4, on May 15, 18, and 19, 2015; and the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #06012015@26, on June 5 and 8, 2015; and
- 3. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/20 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #12022014@8, on December 5 and 12, 2014.
- c. On and between December 1, 2014 and June 11, 2015, Respondent documented beyond use dates on finished compounds that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components in the compounded drug product; i.e., wrongfully extended beyond use dates that were recorded for the following compounds, in violation of Regulation 1735.2, subdivision (h):
- 1. Respondent recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/ml, compounded on December 2, 2014, January 12, 2015, and February 12, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient edetate disodium aliquot 1 mg/ml.
- 2. Respondent recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/ml, compounded on January 20, 2015 (two different lots), April 28, 2015, and June 9, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in

the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredients edetate disodium aliquot 1 mg/ml and benzyl alcohol NF.

- 3. Respondent recorded a beyond use date for papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/7 mg/ml, compounded on March 27, 2105, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient edetate disodium aliquot 1 mg/ml.
- 4. Respondent recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/10 mcg/ml, compounded on 29 occasions between December 4, 2014 and June 2, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml.
- 5. Respondent recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/10 mcg/ml, compounded on 24 occasions between December 5, 2014 and June 8, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml.
- 6. Respondent Masoud Rashidi recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/20 mcg/ml, compounded on eight occasions between December 1, 2014 and May 14, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml.
- d. On and between December 1, 2014 and June 11, 2015, Respondent documented beyond use dates on finished compounds that exceeded the shortest beyond use dates of the compounds in the compounded drug product, as set forth in subparagraph (c) above. As such, the beyond use dates on the finished compounds were false or misleading and the finished compounds were misbranded.

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# THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Unprofessional Conduct)

58. Respondent Masoud Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code sections 4301 and 4306.5, subdivision (a), in that on and between December 1, 2014 and June 11, 2015, Respondent failed to appropriately exercise his education, training, or experience as a pharmacist, as set forth in paragraphs 57 (a) and (b) above.

# FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Pharmacy Law and State

# Laws and Regulations Governing Pharmacy)

- 59. Respondent Anna Rashidi's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent, while acting as vice president of Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate provisions or terms of the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code § 4300, et seq.) and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, as follows:
- a. On and between December 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015, Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacist-in-charge, Respondent Masoud Rashidi, failed to test batch-produced sterile injectable drug products for sterility and pyrogens, specifically, papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/ml (on three occasions between December 2, 2014 and June 1, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/2 mg/ml (on six occasions between December 10, 2014 and May 14, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine (bi-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/ml (on three occasions between December 30, 2014 and May 21, 2015), papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/30 mcg/ml (on December 1, 2014), and testosterone cypionate injectable solution 200 mg/ml (on seven occasions between March 30, 2015 and June 1, 2015), in violation of Regulation 1751.7, subdivision (c).
- b. On and between December 5, 2014 and June 8, 2015, Respondent Innovative Compounding's pharmacist-in-charge, Respondent Masoud Rashidi, used compounds which were

made without appropriate sterility and endotoxin tests to compound individual patient-specific compounds, in violation of Regulation 1751.7, subdivision (c), specifically:

- 1. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/10 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #12302014@23, on 11 occasions between January 2, 2015 and February 9, 2015; the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #05212015@4, on seven occasions between May 18, 2015 and June 5, 2015, and the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml, Lot #05072015@9, on three occasions between May 5, 2015 and May 11, 2015;
- 2. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/10 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #12022014@8, on December 5, 2014 and December 12, 2014; the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #05182015@4, on May 15, 18, and 19, 2015; and the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #06012015@26, on June 5 and 8, 2015; and
- 3. Papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/5 mg/20 mcg/ml, using the untested compound bi-mix 30 mg/5 mg/ml, Lot #12022014@8, on December 5 and 12, 2014.
- c. On and between May 11, 2015 and June 10, 2015, Respondent documented beyond use dates on a finished compound that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components in the compounded drug product; i.e., wrongfully extended beyond use dates that were recorded for the compound, in violation of Regulation 1735.2, subdivision (h). Specifically, Respondent recorded beyond use dates for papaverine/phentolamine/alprostadil (tri-mix) injectable solution 30 mg/1 mg/10 mcg/ml, compounded on May 11, 2015, May 26, 2105, June 5, 2015, and June 10, 2015, that exceeded the shortest beyond use date of the components used in the compounded drug product, specifically, the ingredient bi-mix 30 mg/1 mg/ml.
- d. On and between May 11, 2015 and June 10, 2015, Respondent documented beyond use dates on a finished compound that exceeded the shortest beyond use dates of the components in the compounded drug product, as set forth in subparagraph (c) above. As such, the beyond use

dates on the finished compounds were false or misleading and the finished compounds were misbranded.

## MATTERS IN AGGRAVATION

- 60. To determine the degree of discipline to be assessed against Respondents Innovative Compounding, Masoud Rashidi, and Anna Rashidi, if any, Complainant alleges as follows:
- a. On or about September 23, 2015, the Board issued Citation No. CI 2013 59993 against Respondent Innovative Compounding for violating Regulations 1707.3 and 1707.2, subdivision (c)(2) (duty to review drug therapy/duty to consult precautions and relevant warnings including common severe side or adverse effects or interactions that may be encountered). On or about July 18, 2013 and August 24, 2013, while working at Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, pharmacists Anna Rashidi and Masoud Rashidi allegedly failed to properly review a patient's drug therapy and medication record, and then relay significant warning(s) of the prescribed drug to the patient and/or prescriber. The patient's profile documented a penicillin allergy and the issuance of a prescription to the patient for hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg. The drug's safety labeling addresses a risk factor for developing an idiosyncratic reaction resulting in acute angle-closure glaucoma in patients with a history of sulfonamide or penicillin allergy. Respondents Innovative Compounding and pharmacists Masoud Rashidi and Anna Rashidi also allegedly furnished the hydrochlorothiazide prescription to the patient without precautions or relevant warnings, such as the severe side or adverse effects that may be encountered.
- b. On or about September 23, 2015, the Board issued Citation and Fine No. CI 2015 67104 against Respondent Masoud Rashidi for violating Regulations 1707.3 and 1707.2, subdivision (c)(2) (duty to review drug therapy/duty to consult precautions and relevant warnings including common severe side or adverse effects or interactions that may be encountered). The Board ordered Respondent to pay a fine of \$500 by October 23, 2015. Respondent has complied with the citation. The factual allegations pertaining to the citation are set forth in subparagraph (a) above.
  - c. On or about September 23, 2015, the Board issued Citation and Fine No. CI 2015

67106 against Respondent Anna Rashidi for violating Regulations 1707.3 and 1707.2, subdivision (c)(2) (duty to review drug therapy/duty to consult – precautions and relevant warnings including common severe side or adverse effects or interactions that may be encountered). The Board ordered Respondent to pay a fine of \$500 by October 23, 2015. Respondent has failed to comply with the citation. The factual allegations pertaining to the citation are set forth in subparagraph (a) above.

#### OTHER MATTERS

- 61. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48417 issued to Innovative Compounding, Inc., doing business as Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, Innovative Compounding Inc. shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48417 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48417 is reinstated if it is revoked.
- PHY 48417 issued to Innovative Compounding, Inc., doing business as Innovative Compounding Pharmacy, while Masoud Rashidi and/or Anna Rashidi have been an officer and owner and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the licensee was disciplined, Masoud Rashidi and Anna Rashidi shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48417 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48417 is reinstated if it is revoked.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged in this Accusation, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48417, issued to Innovative Compounding, Inc., doing business as Innovative Compounding Pharmacy;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Sterile Compounding License Number LSC 99600, issued to Innovative Compounding, Inc., doing business as Innovative Compounding Pharmacy;

(INNOVATIVE COMPOUNDING, INC.) ACCUSATION

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